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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Sioux Falls, SD** – For the week ending September 18, 2016, producers began to harvest corn, soybeans and grain sorghum in parts of South Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Winter wheat seeding was also ongoing. Substantial rains caused ponding and flooding across parts of the southeast, limiting fieldwork at the end of the week. Western South Dakota remained mostly dry. There were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 22 short, 69 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 28 short, 63 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 4 percent very poor, 13 poor, 30 fair, 45 good, and 8 excellent. Corn dented was 89 percent, near 87 last year and the five-year average of 90. Mature was 41 percent, near 40 last year and 38 average. Harvested was 3 percent, near 1 last year and 6 average.

Soybeans condition rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 26 fair, 51 good, and 10 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 67 percent, equal to last year, and near 65 average. Harvested was 2 percent, equal to last year, and near 6 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 41 fair, 54 good, and 2 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 92 percent, near 90 last year and 91 average. Mature was 47 percent, well ahead of 18 last year and 25 average. Harvested was 3 percent, near 2 last year and 7 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 33 fair, 58 good, and 3 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 95 percent, behind 100 both last year and average. Ray flowers dried was 62 percent, behind 78 last year, and well behind 85 average. Bracts turning yellow was 29 percent, behind 43 last year, and well behind 59 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 7 percent very poor, 23 poor, 44 fair, 25 good, and 1 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 95 percent. Third cutting was 68 percent, behind 79 last year and 80 average. Fourth cutting was 33 percent, ahead of 24 last year.

Winter wheat planted was 20 percent, well behind 41 last year, and behind 29 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 8 percent very poor, 18 poor, 35 fair, 37 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 21 short, 70 adequate, and 2 surplus.

*Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, SDSU Extension Service and other reporters across the State.*

*Access the National Crop Progress and Condition Report at:*

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2016/CropProg-09-19-2016.pdf>

*Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:*

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD>

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